

COMMENDING EIGHTH GRADE HISTORY TEACHER CARLYJANE WATSON

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend history teacher Carlyjane Watson and her eighth grade class at Bourne High School in Bourne, MA. They marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in a most creative and informative way.

The class held a "Living History Forum" where each of the students contacted relatives and neighbors who had served during World War II to learn about their firsthand experiences. This was an innovative way to introduce the students to the wealth of historical knowledge found in their own community.

This program was a fitting tribute to all Americans who made great sacrifices during World War II. It also allowed students to get a lesson in history directly from those who made it. This "Living History Forum" allowed the students to gain a better understanding of both the factors that lead to the war and the immense courage of those who experience it.

This is sure to leave a lasting impression on both the students and those who shared their experiences. It is a fitting tribute to those who sacrificed so that we might continue to live free. Mrs. Watson is to be commended for her innovative way of making history come alive for all of those involved.

REPRESENTATIVE MEEK HONORS GERALINE L. GILYARD-INGRAHAM FOR 31 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

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Mrs. MEEK. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my sincere congratulations to Dr. Geraline Lewis Gilyard, who is retiring after over 30 years as an educator. Clearly, the Dade County Public School system is losing one of its finest employees.

A native Miamian, Dr. Gilyard attended Dunbar Elementary and Booker T. Washington Junior Senior High School in Dade County. Dr. Gilyard's academic background was exemplary. She earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Bethune Cookman College, a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Florida Atlantic University, a doctoral degree in education from the University of Palm Beach, and a second doctorate from the University of Miami in administration and supervision. She received extensive additional training in group process and organizational development from Boston University's Human Relations Laboratory and Bethel Maine's National Training Laboratory.

Dr. Gilyard put her education and training to work in Madison County, FL. Fortunately for Miami, however, she moved to the Dade County Public School System a year later. Dr. Geraline Lewis Gilyard taught at Ojus and Douglass Elementary Schools, was a guid-

ance counselor at North Dade Jr. High School, a member of the Human Relations Intergroup Relations Team, a teacher interviewer, the director of Administrative Services, the supervisor of noninstructional training, and she will retire as the director of instructional staffing. In all, Dr. Gilyard spent 32 years as an educator, 31 of them working for the betterment of the youngsters in Dade County.

Dr. Gilyard has also been extremely active in our community. She is a founding member of the Southeast Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, where she served as chairperson of the administrative board for 4 years. She is currently the chairperson of the Council on Ministries, a member of the United Methodist Women, and involved in the Voices of Praise Choir. Dr. Gilyard is also a member of the District Superintendent Advisory Council of the Miami District of the United Methodist Church. She is a member of the Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, where she served as chairperson of the Ebony Fashion Fair Committee for 3 years.

Dr. Gilyard resides in Dania, FL, with her husband, Arlington Ingraham, owner of the Bahamian Connection restaurant, and her daughter, Vanessa Henelle Gilyard, a graduate of Barry University. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our entire community and as a former teacher, I offer her profound thanks for her many years of service and our best wishes for her continued happiness and success in the future.

HAPPY 100TH THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that one of the most important relationships people can have in their lifetimes is the one with a good, stable bank. We depend upon banks to hold our savings, to help finance our homes and cars, and to provide some additional resources at times of emergencies or special opportunities. The people of Michigan's Thumb—a multicounty area in my congressional district—have had the good fortune of dealing with the Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. which this Thursday celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Thumb National started as the Farmer's Bank, in Pigeon, MI, in 1895, with five customers and total deposits of \$1,900. In 1908, it bought out the Pigeon State Bank, and assumed that name. It grew through the years, undergoing several building projects, growing as the surrounding community grew, becoming Pigeon's longest continually operated business. The bank plans to add 50 percent more space to deal with the growing demand for its services.

Twenty-five years ago, the Pigeon State Bank changed its State charter to a national bank charter, and became the Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. It was the only bank in the entire area to offer full trust services. Now, with several branches, automated teller machines, and a complete array of current financial services, its customers are fortunate to

continue to be served by a bank that truly believes in its philosophy of know the customer.

To its good fortune, Thumb National, has had the consistency of a limited number of chief executive officers, including three generations of the Clabuesch family, including the current president, Paul Clabuesch. Working with chairman of the board Arthur Luedtke, and other board members Nelson Binder, Ann Marie Clabuesch, Clare Comment, Eldon Diefzel, Lowell Kraft, David McCormick, Curtis Strickland, and Robert Webber, Sr., the bank continues to set an example of success and frugality for the Thumb. It also continues to be involved in a number of community projects, just as it was over 20 years ago when it provided financing to build Scheurer Hospital, after State and Federal officials said no funding was available.

Mr. Speaker, certain institutions are vital to the success of our communities. Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. has certainly been such an institution for the several counties of the Thumb. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing the officials, the 54 employees, and the thousands of depositors, a very happy 100th anniversary with a positive outlook for 100 more years of careful, innovative, and successful banking.

HONORING JUDGE THOMAS TANG

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened today by the recent death of a good personal friend and a friend of the community, Judge Thomas Tang.

Born January 11, 1922, in Phoenix, AZ, the son of Chinese immigrants, Judge Tang served in World War II as a second lieutenant. He graduated from the University of Santa Clara, CA, and received his law degree from the University of Arizona in 1950.

He enjoyed a long career in Government and law until being appointed to the Federal bench by President Carter in 1977. In a legal career spanning almost five decades, he served as a Phoenix City Council member, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge, Deputy County Attorney and Assistant Arizona Attorney General. Judge Tang's career also included years of private practice where he served on the Arizona State Bar Board of Governors until becoming its president in 1977.

Known as an even-tempered and affable individual, he will best be remembered for his commitment to justice and fairness. A champion of individual rights, he was devoted to the advancement of minorities in the legal profession.

Additionally, I would like to recognize Judge Tang's wife, Pearl Tang. A respected and well-known community activist, she has served as an advocate for the well-being of mothers and children in Arizona. I had the pleasure of working with her during my years as a Maricopa County Supervisor and treasure her friendship. I ask you to join her and my fellow Arizonans in sharing the loss of a great and noble man.